

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF THOMAS “TOMMY”
DORTCH, JR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2023

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a great husband, loving father, doting grandfather, inspiring author, innovative entrepreneur, dedicated servant and friend of long-standing, Thomas “Tommy” Dortch, Jr. Sadly, Tommy transitioned from this life on February 15, 2023. His funeral service was held on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in Lithonia, Georgia. He leaves behind a legacy of service that will not soon be forgotten.

Tommy Dortch was born on April 12, 1950, in Toccoa, Georgia to the union of Thomas W. Dortch, Sr. and Lizzie Mae Dortch. He graduated in 1968 in the first racially integrated class of Whitman High School in Toccoa and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Fort Valley State College (now University) thereafter. While at Fort Valley, he distinguished himself by being elected Student Government Association President. Tommy would then go on to receive several post-graduate degrees and fellowships, including a Master of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Clark Atlanta University; a Ford Fellowship in the Urban Administration Program at Georgia State University; and Honorary Doctorates from Fayetteville State University, Jarvis Christian College, Fort Valley State University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, and Livingstone College.

After graduating from Fort Valley, Tommy nobly began his professional career by running voter registration drives to increase voter participation among groups who were historically disenfranchised. In 1974, he began working as the Associate Director of the Georgia Democratic Party, and four years later began working for the office of Senator Sam Nunn, ultimately rising through the ranks to become the first African American State Director to serve in that capacity for a United States Senator.

Always an activist, in 1986, Tommy joined the 100 Black Men of America, Inc., widely known as an organization that is focused on leadership, education, health and wellness, and youth mentoring. Tommy served as Chairman of the 100 Black Men of Atlanta and served twice as the Chairman of the 100 Black Men of America's Board of Directors. His leadership was instrumental in transforming the organization as a powerful force for Black youth empowerment. Tommy was always looking for ways to help young people reach their full potential and in 1986, he founded the Black Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc.—an organization that has awarded over \$1.1 million in scholarships to the students of our nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

After sixteen years of government service, Tommy left his position as State Director to pursue his own business interests, including minority and small business development and non-profit organizations. He served as the CEO of the consulting firm TWD, Inc. and the Atlanta Transportation Systems, Inc.; Chairman and CEO of Cornerstone Parking; and Managing Partner of FAD Consulting, LLC. He co-founded the Georgia Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (GAME) to fill a void in the state as an advocacy organization for minority business development. Tommy also co-founded the Greater Atlanta Economic Alliance as a capacity building development organization for the construction and transportation industries.

Tommy was a much sought-after speaker on both a national and international stage to governmental entities, corporations, and educational institutions. He also had many guest appearances on nationally acclaimed television programs to include The Oprah Winfrey Show, CNN, the National Press Club and C-SPAN to name a few.

Because of his advocacy and commitment to community service, Tommy was recognized by several national and international publications to include the 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004 May editions of Ebony Magazine and one of its 100 Influential African Americans. The Atlanta Business Chronicle included him as one of its 100 most influential Atlantans from 2001 through 2014. Also, Tommy received numerous awards for his service and advocacy for humankind to include 2008 Community Service Professional of the Year; 2008 FraserNet Community Service Award; 2008 Global Leadership Empowerment Award; Atlanta Business Chronicle 50 Most Admired CEOs, and by the Atlanta Magazine as one of its 500 Most Influential Leaders.

Tommy also gave his time, talent, and treasure to many community organizations to include Vice Chairman of the Board of Grady Memorial Corporation; Chairman of the Board, Friendship Force International; Chairman of the Board, Fulton/Dekalb County Hospital Authority; Chairman of the Board of the Atlanta Business League; Chairman of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation; Board of Trustees, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University; Board of Trustees, Talladega College; and Board of Trustees, Clark Atlanta University.

On a personal note, Tommy was a friend for many years and, along with his wife, Carole, supported my public service in countless ways. I was blessed with his sage advice and counsel over the years, and the world is a better place because of the life that he led. Jackie Robinson once said that “a life isn't significant except for its impact on other lives.” There is no doubt that the life of Thomas “Tommy” Dortch, Jr. profoundly impacted countless others. He did so much for so many for so long.

Tommy accomplished much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the grace of God and the love and support of his wife, Carole, his five children and fourteen grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have known a man with as much grace, class, and dignity as Thomas “Tommy” Dortch, Jr. I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the nearly 765,000 people of the Second Congressional District in extending our deepest condolences to his family. May they be comforted by their faith, the grace of God, and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

TRIPLE NEGATIVE BREAST
CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2023

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring awareness to a lesser-known form of breast cancer in recognition of Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Breast cancer is a terrible disease that has impacted so many of our loved ones. This year, the American Cancer Society estimates there will be over 10,000 new breast cancer cases, and nearly 1,500 breast cancer-related deaths in North Carolina alone. In fact, more North Carolinians will be diagnosed with breast cancer than any other type of cancer.

Triple Negative Breast Cancer, or TNBC as it is also known, accounts for 15 to 20 percent of breast cancers and is associated with significant psychological and treatment-related burdens. Compared with non-TNBC cancers, TNBC is a more aggressive type of tumor with a faster growth rate and an almost three times higher risk of recurrence. Also, this type of cancer lacks estrogen, progesterone, and human epidermal growth factor receptors, meaning that targeted treatments aren't effective. Due to these factors, early diagnoses are vital. However, TNBC is particularly prevalent in pre-menopausal women, who are often younger than the age that women can access annual mammograms.

These statistics and factors show that breast cancer, and specifically TNBC, is an imperative issue that must be addressed. During Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I ask that we support fundamental research initiatives to help women suffering from this terrible cancer.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2023

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I was quarantining after testing positive for COVID-19 and was unable to vote on March 27–29, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on the following:

H. Res. 260—Roll Call No. 165;

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H. Res. 260—Roll Call No. 166;
 Boebert of Colorado Part B Amendment No.
 2—Roll Call No. 167;
 Hern of Oklahoma Part B Amendment No.
 5—Roll Call No. 168;
 Jackson of Texas Part B Amendment No.
 7—Roll Call No. 169;
 Molinaro of New York Part B Amendment
 No. 9—Roll Call No. 170;
 Palmer of Alabama Part B Amendment No.
 10—Roll Call No. 171;
 Perry of Pennsylvania Part B Amendment
 No. 11—Roll Call No. 172; and
 Perry of Pennsylvania Part B Amendment
 No. 12—Roll Call No. 173.
 I would have voted Yea on the following
 bills:
 H.R. 1154—Roll Call No. 163; and
 H.R. 1107—Roll Call No. 164.

RECOGNIZING REVEREND DR.
 EMMETT SCOTT ANITON

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2023

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding mentor, dedicated servant leader, Vietnam War Veteran, faithful servant of God, and dear friend of longstanding, Reverend Dr. Emmett Scott Aniton, Jr. for over four decades of service to his congregation at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. A celebration of his 44th Anniversary at the Church will be held on April 2, 2023 in Columbus, Georgia.

Rev. Emmett Scott Aniton, Jr. was born on March 8, 1940, in Oneonta, Alabama to the union of Mr. Emmett Scott Aniton, Sr. and Mrs. Estella Aniton Woods. He graduated from Southside High School in Etowah County, Alabama and earned his Bachelor of Theology from Selma University in 1964. Shortly thereafter, Rev. Aniton answered his nation's call to service and entered the United States Army, completing a tour of duty in Qui Nho'n Vietnam. He then returned home to Alabama where he matriculated at Alabama A&M University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology.

After his service in Vietnam and earning his second college degree, Rev. Aniton first answered God's call to preach the Gospel by becoming the Pastor of First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Alabama. There, he ministered to the needs of his congregation, christening infants, baptizing believers, performing marriages, and consoling bereaved families, all while developing and honing his skills as a church administrator and inspiring preacher.

In November of 1978, Rev. Aniton accepted the call to become the pastor of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, and he followed the Holy Spirit to Columbus, Georgia. His pastoral duties began in April of 1979 and he has faithfully and dutifully served for over four decades. Under Rev. Aniton's dynamic and spirit-filled leadership, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church has experienced tremendous growth—spiritually, numerically, and in its building facilities.

Rev. Aniton's outstanding servant leadership did not stop at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church; his impact has been felt throughout the greater Columbus community and beyond.

He has served on the boards of the Pastoral Institute, the Liberty Theatre, the Metro Columbus Urban League, and the Fourth Street Towers. He has served as the President of the Mount Calvary Congress of Christian Education and the Muscogee County Clergy Association; instructor for the General Missionary Baptist Convention, Georgia Congress of Christian Education, and the American Baptist Theological Seminary.

Sir Winston Churchill once said, "You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give." Rev. Emmett Scott Aniton has given of himself over forty years of dedicated service to the glory of God and to his faithful congregation.

Rev. Emmett Scott Aniton has received numerous awards, such as the NAACP Religious Affairs Award, the Rainbow PUSH Coalition Lifetime Achievement Award, the Peace, Unity, Honesty, and Leadership Award; and in May of 2021, received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from St. Thomas Christian College in Jacksonville, Florida.

Reverend Dr. Aniton has achieved so much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the grace of God and love and support of his late wife, Mrs. Dorothy Rigby Aniton; his children, Minister Rhonda Aniton Bell, Emmett Scott Aniton III, and Keisha Aniton Simmons; his grandchildren and other family members.

On a personal note, I have been blessed by Rev. Aniton's sage counsel and advice over the four decades that I have known him, and I am proud to call him my friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me; along with the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in honoring and commending the Reverend Dr. Emmett Scott Aniton, Jr. for 44 years of dedicated service to Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. Moreover, we pray for God's continued blessings upon him and his family in the weeks, months and years ahead.

HONORING MADELINE PUMARIEGA

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2023

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I rise today to recognize Madeline Pumariega whose lifelong dedication toward serving our students and her community has had a resounding impact on South Florida.

A cherished friend and brilliant leader, Madeline Pumariega may have inherited her passion for academics and service excellence from her mother, a Miami-Dade County Public School teacher. Pumariega's enthusiasm only grew while attending Miami Dade College as a student. She is devoted to ensuring that students have a path toward upward economic mobility through educational opportunities. This commitment led her to serve as President and CEO of Take Stock in Children, a statewide nonprofit focused on breaking the cycle of poverty by helping students complete their high school education and advance into post-secondary education and careers.

Her drive to serve and excel was exemplified in her appointment as the first female His-

panic chancellor of the Florida College System (FCS). In that role, she improved several Florida College System schools, helping them to rise in the rankings of U.S. News & World Report and other national measures. During her tenure, Florida was named No. 1 in higher education by U.S. News. In 2019, she became the executive vice president and provost of Tallahassee Community College, where she dutifully and successfully led the school during the unprecedented challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A true trailblazer in academia, Madeline Pumariega's hard work and dedication has culminated in her current role as the President of Miami-Dade College. Under her leadership, Miami-Dade College has flourished, as Madeline has prioritized working with business partners to identify the skills needed by key industries, while tailoring higher education programs to match those needs. This intentional formation of strategic alliances and job pathways between companies and MDC students actively accelerates each graduate's ability to enter the workforce immediately. Her relentless drive to develop leaders and build thriving communities has contributed to numerous successes for students in South Florida and my district.

Mr. Speaker, as a commendable leader in academia, Madeline has proven her unwavering commitment through the success of each student she encounters. It is a privilege to honor this outstanding individual for her service, dedication, and invaluable contributions to the South Florida community today. We all benefit from the successes of the educators in our communities, and I thank Madeline for her work in advancing the futures of thousands of Floridian students.

RECOGNIZING THE FARMERS MARKET AND FOOD BANK LOCAL REVITALIZATION ACT

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2023

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, access to affordable, nutritious food is essential to leading a long and healthy life. Every day, more and more Americans are buying food locally at farmers' markets for their daily needs. "Local" matters. Supporting local farmers means local food security, lower prices, and fresh local products for people who reside near them.

As food prices have risen, families and seniors have shouldered a heavier burden when shopping at the grocery store. That is why the Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program, and the Women, Infant, and Children Farmers' Market Program are so critical.

For more than 20 years, these programs have connected families and seniors with affordable, locally grown fruits, vegetables, honey, and food produced by neighboring farmers—benefiting everyone in a remarkable partnership.

Recognizing the vital role farmers' markets and roadside stands play in big cities and small towns all across our nation, today I am reintroducing the "Farmers Market and Food Bank Local Revitalization Act" which strengthens and directly brings together local farmers and the people in their communities.